

**Introduced by Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife
(Senators Kuehl (Chair), Alpert, Bowen, Denham,
Hollingsworth, Oller, Ortiz, Sher, and Torlakson)**

February 13, 2004

An act to amend Section 4663 of, and to repeal Sections 4205, 4562.9, and 4563.5 of, the Public Resources Code, relating to natural resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1278, as introduced, Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife. Natural resources: forestry and fire protection.

(1) Existing law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, on or before December 1, 1995, to report to the appropriate committees of the Legislature on the impacts of designating very high fire hazard severity zones, as specified.

This bill would repeal that provision.

(2) Existing law requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, on or before November 1, 1988, to adopt regulations requiring maintenance of installed drainage facilities and soil stabilization treatments on skid trails, roads, and landings for at least one year, but not more than 3 years, after a work completion report is filed and approved.

The bill would repeal that provision.

(3) Existing law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, on or before July 1, 1989, to report to the Governor and the Legislature on the adequacy of existing resource conservation standards in meeting specified resource conservation objectives and achieving the goal of maximum sustained production of high-quality timber products, as specified.

The bill would repeal that provision.

(4) Existing law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with a specified advisory committee, to adopt, by January 1, 1989, a general plan for the Soquel Demonstration State Forest, as specified.

The bill would delete the date restriction of January 1, 1989.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4205 of the Public Resources Code is
2 repealed.

3 ~~4205.—The Director of Forestry and Fire Protection shall, not~~
4 ~~later than December 1, 1995, report to the appropriate committees~~
5 ~~of the Legislature on the impacts of designating very high fire~~
6 ~~hazard severity zones pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with~~
7 ~~Section 4201) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 4, and Chapter 6.8~~
8 ~~(commencing with Section 51175) of Part 1 of Division 1 of Title~~
9 ~~5 of the Government Code, including identifying and~~
10 ~~recommending how to reconcile any disparities between the~~
11 ~~different mapping programs.~~

12 SEC. 2. Section 4562.9 of the Public Resources Code is
13 repealed.

14 ~~4562.9.—The board shall, on or before November 1, 1988,~~
15 ~~adopt regulations requiring maintenance of installed drainage~~
16 ~~facilities and soil stabilization treatments on skid trails, roads, and~~
17 ~~landings for a period of at least one year, but not to exceed three~~
18 ~~years, after filing of the work completion report, provided the~~
19 ~~report is approved.~~

20 SEC. 3. Section 4563.5 of the Public Resources Code is
21 repealed.

22 ~~4563.5.—The department shall, on or before July 1, 1989,~~
23 ~~report to the Governor and the Legislature on the adequacy of~~
24 ~~existing resource conservation standards in meeting the objectives~~
25 ~~of this chapter and achieving the goal of maximum sustained~~
26 ~~production of high-quality timber products, as specified in Section~~
27 ~~4513. The report shall include all of the following:~~

28 ~~(a) A description of the status of regeneration at a~~
29 ~~representative number of timber harvesting sites, within each~~

1 ~~forest practice district, that were previously determined by the~~
2 ~~department to be adequately stocked.~~

3 ~~(b) Information on the type of silvicultural method originally~~
4 ~~described in the timber harvesting plan for each site examined.~~

5 ~~(c) Any recommendations for regulations or legislation~~
6 ~~changing the requirements of this chapter, as they pertain to~~
7 ~~existing resource conservation standards, and limitations, if any,~~
8 ~~on allowable harvest levels for forest land where regeneration is~~
9 ~~not occurring consistent with the goals specified in Section 4513.~~

10 SEC. 4. Section 4663 of the Public Resources Code is
11 amended to read:

12 4663. The department, in coordination with the advisory
13 committee, shall adopt ~~by January 1, 1989,~~ a general plan for the
14 state forest which reflects the long-range development and
15 management plans to provide for the optimum use and enjoyment
16 of the living forest, as provided in Section 4660, as well as the
17 protection of its quality and the watershed within the Santa Cruz
18 area. ~~The general plan shall be approved by the advisory~~
19 ~~committee~~ *shall approve the general plan* prior to adoption by the
20 department.

